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memorandum
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to: Marsha A. Ramirez
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from: Nancy J. Marks
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subject: **Proposed Notice of Church Tax Examination**
[REDACTED]

My staff and I have reviewed the proposed Notice of Church Tax Examination ("NCTE") to be issued to [REDACTED]. We have concluded that the NCTE meets the four legal requirements of I.R.C. §7611(b)(3). Moreover, we concur with the analysis of the Area Counsel, Denver, that an examination limited in scope to the concerns about political intervention and the church's employment tax responsibilities regarding, or the employment tax status of, [REDACTED] is appropriate given [REDACTED] lack of response to the Notice of Church Tax Inquiry issued on May 22, 2007. Accordingly, we have no objections to the issuance of the proposed NCTE.

The 90 day period for issuing the proposed NCTE expires on August 20, 2007. If you have any questions about this matter, do not hesitate to contact me.

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